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Albertsons: 'We want United to stay United'

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

LUBBOCK — About two weeks after launching an extensive strategic rebranding campaign for its entire operation, it was announced Monday that officials with West Texas-based United had agreed to an acquisition by the national supermarket conglomerate Albertson's.

Now known as The United Family and with an estimated \$1.6 billion in sales, the company will become an independent subsidiary of Boise, Idaho-based Albertson's, which operates more than 600 locations in 16 states with a reported \$20 billion in estimated annual sales.

United CEO Robert Taylor reiterated Monday during a press conference the company's financial footprint was strong but that it

needed additional support of a company with vast more resources than its own to continue United's skyrocketing growth.

"We've enjoyed two or three of the best years our company has ever seen," Taylor said. "During that time, we've also grown into a nationally recognizable chain.

"In order to continue to spread our banners" across Texas — at least this part of Texas what we're lacking is that financial engine. Our ownership realized that and wanted the company to play a bigger part of the communities in which we serve."

and benefit plans would remain in place. In addition, the United brand would remain in tact and plans would continue for continued expansion into the Dallas-Fort Worth market and

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Post 48, Lamesa 14



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Taylor stressed no employee would be laid off United officials said Monday that despite the pending deal that would allow national supermarket conglomerate Albertson's to acquire the family owned company based in Lubbock, customer who frequent their favorite store, such as the one in downtown Post, will not see many visible changes. Branding will remain the same, and no employees are expected to be laid off when the merger is expected to receive federal ap-

Post Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail. com.

Quarterback club

The Post Quarterback Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the Community Room at Centennial Bank to watch game film and hear coaches comments and strategy. All are welcome. For information, call Greg Jones at 806-773-0723.

Prayer breakfast

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual Communitywide Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. Sept. 24 in the Community Room at Centennial Bank in conjunction with the local See You At The Pole event. Event is free, and the community is invited to attend and pray for local schools, government and residents. For information, call Janice Plummer at the Chamber at 495-3461 or email chamberofcommerce@ postcitytexas.com.

Cottage food workshop

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a cottage food law workshop from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept, 24 at the Garza County Extension Office, 215 W. Main St., Post. Cost is \$10 and limited to 15 people. Call 806-495-4400 for information. New laws take effect Sept. 1 and Jan. 1.

Photo workshop

The third annual Wyman Meinzer Photography Workshop will be at 5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Heritage House in Post. Event is sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association for \$100 per participant. To reserve your place, call 806-495-4148 or email ccarts@poka.com.

Health fair

The Garza County Health Fair has been slated for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Post Community Center. For information, contact the Garza County Extension office at 495-4400.

Corrections

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News on the go



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Centennial's Williams to head up new bank

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

Officials with Peoples Bank announced Monday that Keith Williams had been hired to manage the financial institution's newest branch location in Post.

Williams left his post as senior vice president and branch manager at Centennial Bank, formerly Citizens Bank, effective Monday and will work in a similar capacity with Peoples as senior vice president, lender and branch manager.

Last month, Peoples officials announced Charles Hardin, former senior ex-

service.

ecutive with the local Wells Fargo branch, had

District Clerk Jim Plummer said the

plea bargain was reached between the

early Wednesday morning because a

defendant and the district attorney.

Plummer asked that anyone who

received a summons and who had any

questions regarding the issue to contact

case scheduled for jury trial was canceled

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Aron Lopez (17) prepares to kick off during last Friday's game against the Golden Tors at Lamesa High School. The Antelopes would go on to a 48-14 routing of the Dawson County team.

District jury trial canceled Lopes breeze past Lamesa Garza County residents who received a jury summons to serve today in the 106th for second win District Court do not need to appear for

By Jerry Pyles

For the Dispatch LAMESA — The Post Antelopes (2-0)

the road Friday night, 48-14. The Lopes scored seven rushing touch-

defeated the Lamesa Golden Tors (0-2) on

downs. Bryan Smith had 4, D.J. Brown had

2 and Cambry Gilbert added one. Aron Lopez was 6-for-7 on the extra points.

The Antelopes received the opening kickoff and started at their own 46 yard line. Big plays on the drive included a 21-yard pass to Brown from Pake Jones and the fi-

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Ruth Bennett: 1927-2013

Former teacher, nurse, librarian, shopkeeper laid to rest

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his office at 495-4430.

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CRESCENT, Okla. - Her life began in the uncertainty of loss, as Mary Magdalene Daley on June 13, 1927, to birth parents Henry and Alice Daley, who, along with several siblings, were taken from her in a tragic

weeks of age.

Stability was re-established when she was welcomed into the adoptive home of Oliver and Edna McMahon, who re-christened her Ruth Lavelle McMahon.

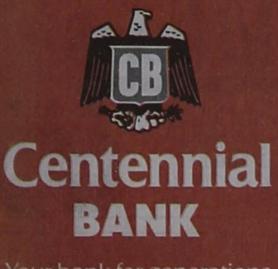
The Caprock Country around Post

accident when she was less than six provided the growing grounds for her girlhood, which was also the time when books became a passion.

After having taught herself to read at age 3, she devoured every book she could get a hold of, including her brother Louis' books before he even

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Deaths

Mack Ledbetter

Mack Ledbetter, 84, died Friday, September 6, 2013, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born September 15, 1928, to M.C. and Betty (Ledbetter) Ledbetter in Monterey, Tenn. After the death of Mr. Ledbetter, Mack and his mother came to Garza County in 1941 to live. Mrs. Ledbetter married Lee Newberry and they farmed.

Mack married Lola Mae Lofton on August 22, 1946, and Brother J.F. Maxey performed the ceremony on a county road, close to his home. Lola Mae preceded him in death April 12, 2009. After their marriage they farmed in the Graham Chapel Community. Only, after his health failed him in 2009, did Mack quit farming.



MACK LEDBETTER

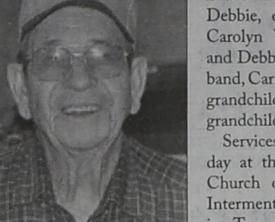
He served on the Graham Chapel School Board and also the Graham Coop Gin

Mack was always alongside Lola Mae in all her activities and sampling her cooking. He was a longtime member of the Graham Chapel Church

Survivors include his son grandchildren.

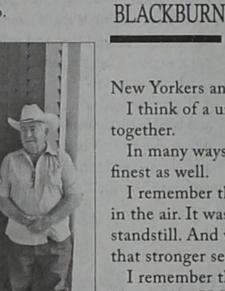
Services were Wednesday at the Graham Chapel Church of Christ in Post. Interment service followed in Terrace Cemetery with arrangements under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice at Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Graham Chapel Church of Christ, 1016 W. 15th St., Post, TX 79356; or to Buckner's Children Home, 129 Brentwood Ave, Lubbock, TX 79416.



of Christ.

Bruce Ledbetter and wife, Debbie, of Post; daughters Carolyn Walter of Canton and Debbie Bowles and husband, Carl, of Plainview; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-



Those attending the 55th reunion of the Post High School Class of 1958 included Leland Edwards of Lubbock, Frances Curb of Lubbock, Roy Joe Carter of Pawling, N.Y., Sharon Brooks Shedd of Garland, Richard Simpson of Norton, Lucy Trammel Duston of Houston, Linda Lane Livingston Runkles of Midland, Dr. W.C. (Butch) Wilson of Oklahoma City, Tommy Young of Post; (second row) Charles Cheshire of Redwood City, Calif., Johnny Kemp of Post, Don Geer of Dublin, Bob Smith of San Angelo and Dan Cochrum of San Antonio.

Post HS Class of 1958 gathers for 55th reunion

The Post High School Class of 1958 gath- Cheshire of Redwood City, Calif., Johnny ered Aug. 30 at the home of Tommy and Ruth Ann Young for snacks and visiting.

Most of the group was there, but a few were unable to attend this get together. On Aug. 31 everyone gathered at the Heritage House for the official reunion and meeting.

Those in attendance included Leland Edwards of Lubbock, Frances Curb of Lubbock, Roy Joe Carter of Pawling, N.Y., Sharon Brooks Shedd of Garland, Richard Simpson of Norton, Lucy Trammel Duston of Houston, Linda Lane Livingston Runkles of Midland, Dr. W.C. (Butch) Wilson of Oklahoma City, Tommy Young of Post, Charles

Kemp of Post, Don Geer of Dublin, Bob Smith of San Angelo and Dan Cochrum of San Antonio. Also in attendance were Weldon Reed of Justiceburg and Frances Dietrich Wortham of Lubbock.

cluding Julie Edwards, Robert Shedd

Duane Duston, Ruth Ann Young, Nancy

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Kemp, Joy Greer and Lynda Cockrum.

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The Paperboy Thoughts of the worst day

Then I think of 9/11, which is still pretty often, I think of the children who lost a parent that

Twelve years have passed since the country's darkest day. A little girl who was 4 years old on that day has just entered her senior year of high school. Is that not hard to

I tip my hat to New Yorkers for their fortitude. The city has rebuilt and continues to march on. Of course, that's the American way.

I think of Todd Beamer and some of his fellow passengers on United Airlines Flight 93, which he helped down

> in Pennsylvania instead of allowing it to be crashed into the White House or Capitol Hill. "Let's roll," Beamer was heard to say as they mounted their stand against the hijackers.

That still gives me chills.

I think of the NYPD and FDNY, both of which lost so many brave people. Many stood in the lobby of the World Trade Center, hearing bodies hit the CHRIS roof. People were jumping to their deaths rather than burn. And just a short time later, they too would be killed when the buildings came crashing down.

I think of President Bush rallying

New Yorkers and Americans in a way that surprised us all. I think of a united Congress joining hands and singing

In many ways, the darkest day was indeed one of our finest as well.

I remember the days following and seeing no aircraft in the air. It was strange seeing much of the country at a standstill. And when airports did re-open, it was obvious that stronger security measures were in place.

I remember the stock market crashing and the resulting blow to the U.S. economy.

I remember going to a football game the following Friday. Many of the fans seemed to almost be in a trance their thoughts cold, and their hearts heavy.

My children, 10 and 7, have asked many questions about that time. When they see photos and video of the horror, it's hard for them to wrap their heads around. I guess it's hard for any of us to.

I think about the fact we've been at war for nearly 13 years. The longest such time in American history.

When I look at our country today, I think of how sad it is that it takes a monumental disaster to unite us. Here we are, a nation divided by politics. Sadly, it's been that way for more than a decade.

I suppose I'll always pause and think about the day everything changed. The day we realized the United States was vulnerable to a large-scale attack.

Gone were the thoughts that our oceans and allies to the north and south could buffer us from such horrible

My prayer for this country is that we can use instances like 9/11 to become better; that there will emerge national leaders who can actually reach across the aisle for the greater good of the country.

When tragedy strikes, we often hear the phrase, "Never There were some spouses in attendance, in- forget." This is certainly one instance I don't think we ever

Rightfully so.

The decision was made to have the next re- Chris Blackburn is CEO of Blackburn Media Group, proud owner of The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, Hall County Herald, The Hollis News, The Knox County News-Courier, The Post Dispatch, The Childress Index, Wellington Leader and The Stonewall Courier. He can be reached by email at chris@blackburnmediagroup.com and you can follow him on Twitter @WCSBlackburn.

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Amity Study group gathers for year's first meeting

Members of the Amity Study Club of Post met at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 7 in Fellowship Hall at First Christian

Church. The tables were brightly decorated in fall colors enhanced by the placing of

availability.

Medicare.

Kathie Rankin.

brunch was served by hostesses Jane Davis, Carolyn Sawyers, Joy Pool and Peggy Smith.

President Jane George, butterscotch candies in whose mother, Mrs. Thurman

55 years ago, called the first A lovely and delicious meeting of the year to order. Members shared memories

> on the butterscotch candies. We loved Kathie. She will be greatly missed. Kathie helped on the committee that planned our study this year. Our study will center on interesting people, places, and ideas in Post. We plan to Sit A Spell in Post and learn some things "as we contribute to the well being of oth-

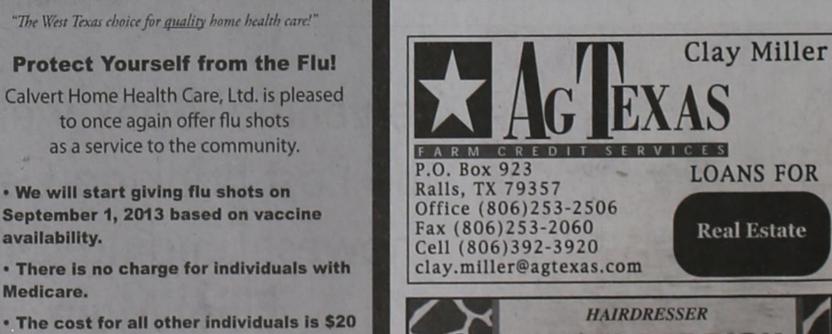
Amity Study Club's projects this year are a scholar-

memory of our member Francis, was club president ship for a Post High School graduate, Lion's Club Toys for Tots, Golden Plains Nursing Home and Post Public Library. of Kathie as they "chomped"

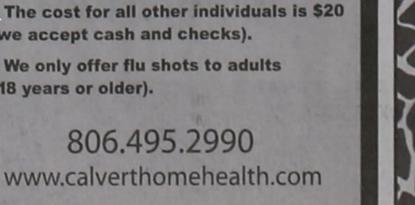
Other members present to get the year off to a good start were Patsy Bilbo, Beth Cook, Nancy Kemp, Jane Mason, Marilyn Mason, Naomi Matsler, Janey Middleton, Edna Owen, Inez Seabourn, Lu Ann Terry, Bonnie Tyler and Ruth Ann Young.

Members unable to attend were Joy Dickson and Suzanne Hudman.

Beth Cook







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Lions welcome teachers back at annual dinner

The Post Lions Club, with sponsorship from People's Bank, recently held its annual Post ISD Teacher/Staff Appreciation catered dinner at the Post Cafeteria. The event was a part of the district's in-service activities.

Boss Lion Jason Porter welcomed the gathered staff and Lion Mike Comeaux, superintendent of schools for Post time to go back to school; switch ISD, responded with a thank you from the district.

Sam Ayres, principal at Lubbock Estacado High ones and start wearing dark cottons School, was the featured speaker. His topic of the Roman despite lingering summer heat. Centurion in Matthew, Chapter 8, was illustrated by the Whatever back-to-school footwear drawing of a Centurion, while telling about the life of a was in vogue replaced summer's Roman soldier.

Post Lions Club Queen Andi Soliz, a senior at Post High School, spoke to the gathered crowd about some of her most influential teachers.

Door prizes collected from Post area merchants were handed out by Lion JoAnn Stelzer and Soliz. Also, during this night, the Lions Raffle drawings were held and won by four lucky individuals.

Lions Chuck Ratliff, Sue Ann Davis, Jadie Matthew and Byron Garrison helped stage and promote this annual event and wish to thank all local merchants who contributed door and raffle prizes.

Byron Garrison

FSA reminds producers of September deadlines

Judith Canales, executive director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Texas Farm Service Agency, reminds producers of two important Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program deadlines this month.

Producers who have either not yet enrolled in DCP or have not yet signed their DCP contracts must do so by close of business Monday. Contracts filed after this date will be elevated from the county office to the state office and will require State Committee action.

Producers are reminded that any succession-in-interest changes made to an operation that affect interest in base acres since the current DCP contract on file was signed, must be reported to the local FSA office by close of business Sept.

Changes that qualify as a succession-in-interest include:

· change of operator or producer, including an increase or decrease in the number of partners

· foreclosure, bankruptcy or involuntary loss of the farm

· change in producer shares to reflect changes in the producer's share of the crop(s) that were originally approved on

"In the event of a succession-in-interest, the 'predecessor,' is required to refund any advance DCP payments received for the affected base acres before a payment can be made to the successor," Canales said. "Failure to report a successionin-interest can result in contract termination and a loss of program benefits for all producers involved."

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, enacted on Jan. 2, 2013, amends the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and provides for a one-year extension of the Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) program.

There are two types of DCP payments: direct payments and counter-cyclical payments. Both are calculated using the base acres and payment yields established for the farm.

Further information on DCP is available at local FSA offices or on FSA's DCP website at fsa.usda.gov/dcp.

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New set of hooves gets union label

abor Day. When I was a kid, it wasn't exactly a holiday. Not on the farm. It meant from white church shoes to black

> white tennis shoes. Labor Day drew a bold fashion line between white and dark. Labor Day was

also a big weekend for car crashes in Texas and counting how many people died, as if we were **HANABA** in some sort of MUNN macabre race with Oklahoma, certain

to win. Not good.

As for the official origins and meaning of Labor Day, eventually even I figured out it had something to do with laborers (the factory kind) and unions. I pictured men up north marching with placards. I still do. Their shirts are dark cotton.

Our newest calf was born over

Labor Day weekend. I wanted to name him for some great labor organizer, but all I could come up with was Jimmy Hoffa. Who was the guy with the bushy eyebrows who organized either the AFL or the CIO? Wasn't it something-or-other Lewis? But even if I could have remembered his name, Jimmy Hoofa (Freudian typo, believe it or not) — Jimmy Hoffa — seemed like the best choice for imbuing a beef calf with a measure of panache as he faces his short future.

Are you thinking what I'm thinking? Hoofa is perfect. The calf can always be Jimmy Hoffa, but the perky nickname will prevail.

Little Hoofa joins a dozen other calves of various stripes and spots and genders, including one named Isthmus for the small Panamalike connection between the big spots on his left hip and leg. It's a complicated business naming calves.

One yearling is Sandy, originally named for the tropical storm and subsequently for my East Coast friend Sandy, since it's OK to name calves for two different things. Case in point, one-eared longhorn Rita, named for the hurricane, is also Rio Rita, for the song.

Anyway, in an unexpected series of stormy events, human Sandy and her husband divorced, ending a marriage of many years. Now, as she rights the wreckage of her life, I'm on her side, cheering her with e-pictures of her bovine namesake, a handsome spotted heifer growing a nice set of horns. Phooey, even if we wanted to sell Sandy, we couldn't not without checking with the other Sandy. It wouldn't be ethical.

Be careful what you name a calf. Can you tell I've written all this prose without Internet connectivity? I thought so.

But isn't it worth something to get away from that all-too-accessible source of facts? When everything knowable is a computer click away, rumination doesn't happen. You don't escape to Walden Pond or even to a mesquite-rimmed dried up tank in the pasture.

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OK, you can tell I've not ruminated either. It's a long walk to that pasture pond. And it's still hot. Labor Day has a way of not changing the weather.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to Blackburn Media Group newspapers.

Menus

WEEK OF SEPT. 16-20

POST ISD Breakfast

Monday: Oatmeal round with yogurt, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk

Tuesday: Animal crackers with string cheese, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk

Wednesday: Breakfast pizza, fresh juice or fresh fruit, milk Thursday: Waffles and

sausage, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk Friday: Cereal variety with Texas toast, fruit

juice or fresh fruit, milk Lunch Monday: Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles,

Tuesday: Crispy tacos, garden salad, charro

milk

beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce, milk Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberry and bananas,

roll, milk Thursday: Spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad, green beans, sliced peaches,

breadstick, milk Friday: Hot dog, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit, milk

SOUTHLAND ISD Breakfast Monday: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, and

milk

Tuesday: Sausage egg biscuit, fruit, juice, milk Wednesday: Apple and cherry strudel, yogurt,

fruit, juice, milk Thursday: Muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk Friday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk Lunch

Monday: Chicken patty sandwich, baked fries, baked beans, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cookie, milk

Tuesday: Ultimate taco salad, garden salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, lime bar or sherbet, milk

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes with gravy, green beans, fruit, milk Thursday: Chicken quesadilla, beans, garden salad, salsa, fruit, pudding, milk Friday: Pizza choice,

garden salad, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk

> **GARZA COUNTY TRAILBLAZERS** Lunch

Monday: Pork loin, baked potatoes, English pea salad, brownie, roll Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit Jell-O, roll

Wednesday: Soft taco, Spanish rice, beans, Mexican wedding cake Thursday: Pot roast, roasted potatoes, roasted carrots, peanut butter cup, cornbread Friday: Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot raisin

salad, oatmeal cookie,

wheat roll

Church Directory



Lamesa - 872-2632 Sundown - 229-3741 Assembly of God

Bethel Assembly of God (Bi-Lingual)- 407 May street Lifeline Church- 108 N. Broadway

Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church- 210 E. 6th Street, 990-2342 First Baptist Church, Post- 402 W. Main Street, 495-3554 First Baptist Church, Wilson- 806--628-6333 Grace Baptist Church- 820 N. Avenue S- 990-3497 Justiceburg Baptist Church- Justiceburg Pleasant Home Baptist Church- E. 14th & N Ave F Southland Baptist Church-Southland Temple Bautista- 315 W. Main

Catholic

Trinity Baptist Church- 915 N. Ave O, 990-3038

Holy Cross Catholic Church- Ave K and Main Street- 495-2791

Church of Christ

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Church of God of Prophecy- 602 W. 14th, 495-3644 Power House Church of God and Christ, Pine Avenue

Disciples of Christ First Christian Church- 812 W. 13th, 495-3716 Evangelical Methodist

Faith Chapel- 1105 Green Street, Wilson (806) 628-0018 Methodist

First United Methodist Church- 216 W. 10th, 990-2942 Graham Chapel United Methodist Church (Pastor: John Hedrick) - 611 FM #1313 806-549-1400

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Escobedo leads JV Lopes to blowout victory over Lamesa

By Jerry Pyles For the Dispatch

LAMESA — The Post Antelopes junior varsity team improved to 2-0 on the season with a 44-12 Thursday over the Lamesa Golden Tors (1-1).

The Lope defense set up the first touchdown and scored the second. Russ Morris tipped a pass and the ball fell into the hands of A.J. Escebedo, who returned the ball to Tor 10 yard line. Two plays later Blaine Reece scored for four yards, and Jarred Curtis would add the two-point play.

On first down for Lamesa, Reece would knock the ball from the QB, and Escebedo would scoop the ball at the 1 yard and fall into the end zone. A.J. Reed added the twopoint play.

Reece would score another touchdown in the in first quarter, this time an 80-yard run. The offensive line, which has performed on the season, continued to open holes for the back. The line includes Bull Smith, Russ Morris, Brayden Pyles, Fabian Marquez, Morris, Pyles, Marquez, Ayala, Ramirez).

Tristan Fannon, Ben Ayala and Alex Ramir-

Post and Lamesa would score a touchdown each in the second quarter. Reed would score on a 25-yard run, and Curtis would pass to Shandon Wiley for the two-point play.

Post led at halftime, 30-6.

The Antelopes would score two more times in the third quarter. Reed would score his second touchdown of the game, then follow the trap block by Morris and race 35 yards to pay dirt — and add the two-point.

The last touchdown of the night, Escebedo would find Wiley behind the Tor secondary for the score.

The final score on the night was Post 44, Lamesa 12.

The Bold Gold JV improves to 2-0 and was expected to travel to Slaton this evening for a 6 p.m. kickoff. The next home game will be Sept. 19 against Tahoka.

Key plays: Escebedo fumble recovery; Blaze Smith fumble recovery; Curtis interception. Offensive line (Fannon, Smith,



Blaine Reece (32) runs the ball down the field on a Post possession Sept. 5 against the Golden Tors of Lamesa. The visiting Post junior varsity team improved to 2-0 on the season with a 44-12 routing of the Lamesa JV team.

Ginners annual golf tourney moved to Lubbock

LUBBOCK — Officials with the Texas Independent Ginners Association have moved its annual golf tournament to Lubbock to be held in conjunction with Cotton Week festivities.

The Kicking-Off Cotton Week golf tournament will be Sept. 16 to coincide with all the other events that will lead up to the Celebrate Cotton Football Game as the Red Raiders host Texas State on Sept. ness Insurance, Glen and Velda Phipps 21 at Jones AT&T Stadium. Game time is and Dan and Linda Taylor. set for 6 p.m.

Additional cotton-related events happening that week include the Cotton Inc. Breeders Tour, the Texas Cotton Associa-

tion Flow Meeting and several field days. Formerly held in San Angelo, the TIGA tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Sept. 21 at Lakeridge Country Club. A practice round will be at 12:30 p.m. Awards and hamburgers will be

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It's not too late to sign up to play. Registration cost \$100 per player and includes the meal.

Sponsorships also are still available. Sponsors to date include Module Truck Systems, Oasis Warehouse, Lonestar Bearing, Central Compress, Welch Gin, AgTexas, Lummus Corp., Texas Agribusi-

Registration forms and sponsorship forms are available at plainscotton.org.

For information contact Vannessa Stewart at the Texas Independent Ginners Association, P.O. Box 1182, Brownwood, TX 76804; phone 325-641-1544; fax 325-641-1455 fax; email tiga.cotton@verizon.net.

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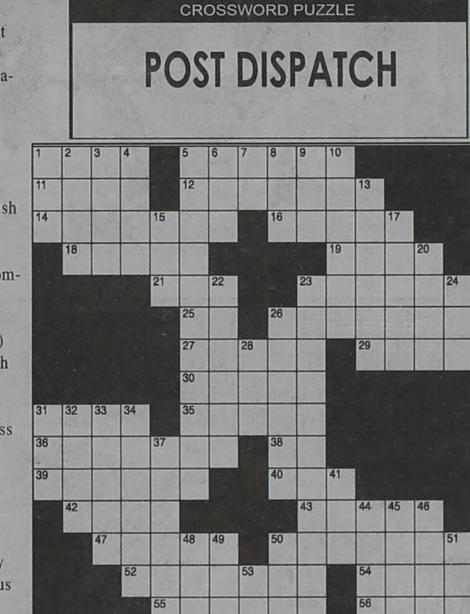


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- 5. So. Am. camel rela-
- 11. In a short time
- 12. Modernized
- 14. Picket fences 16. Nacred gem
- 18. ____nified: foolish
- 19. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 21. Political action committee
- 23. Roam aimlessly
- 25. Peach state (abbr.)
- 26. Walls covered with
- wood
- 27. Pismire
- 29. Lowest feudal class 30. End
- 31. Mama Mia group
- 35. Change or modify
- 36. Mountain lions
- 38. Atomic #22 39. Sharp verbal reply
- 40. Autonomic nervous system
- 42. Fiddled while Rome burned
- 43. Computer oddballs
- 50. Gum arabics
- 52. Tissue cancer
- 54. One of the suits
- 55. A native of the island
- of Samoa 56. Young woman
- (French)
- **CLUES DOWN** 1. Dip lightly into
- 2. Two-toed sloth 3. Cologne
- 4. ____ Blyton, chil-
- dren's author
- 5. Airport conveyance
- 6. Lasting records 7. A public promotion
- 8. A diagrammatic rep-
- resentation
- 9. Dined
- 10. Mariner
- 13. Male bees
- 15. Lightly bite
- 17. Punch or soup server
- 20. Brewed beverage
- 22. Even-toed ungulates 23. Spouted garden

container 24. Radio direction finder (abbr.)



- 26. Former Spanish coin
- 28. Pad at the door
- 47. Latin ballroom dance 31. Air Control Radar
 - 32. Terminator psychologist
 - actor Earl
 - 33. Attri___: qualities
 - 34. Greek marketplaces
 - 37. Odors
 - 41. Large body of water

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- 53. Bond's agent status

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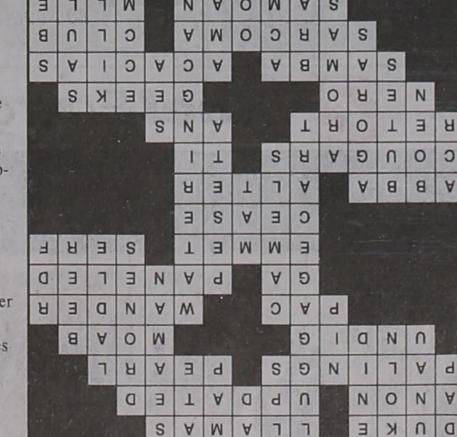
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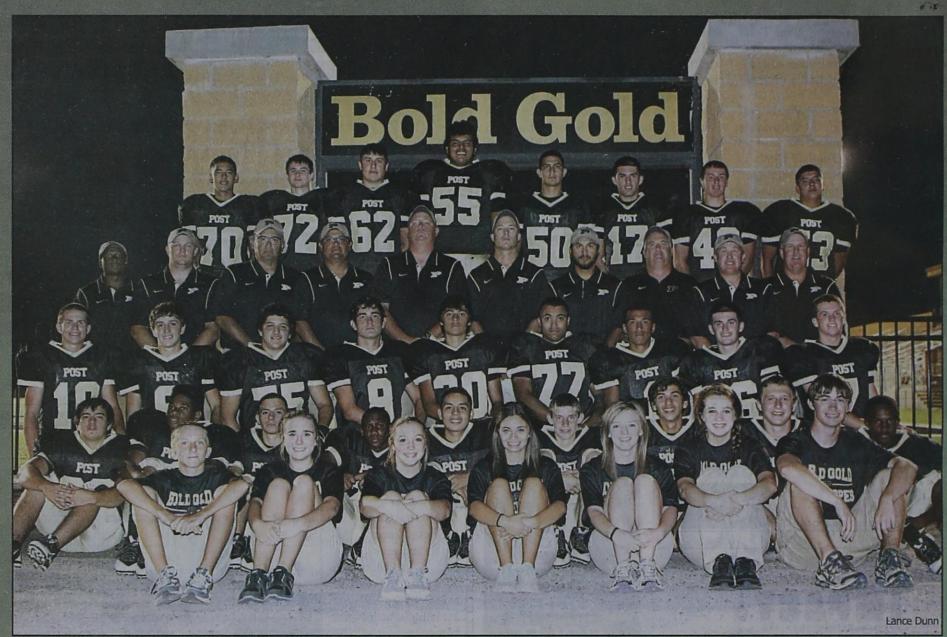
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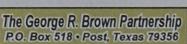
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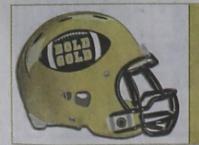
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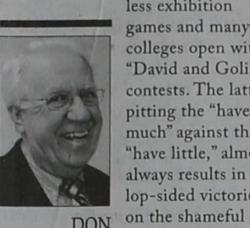
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Outside the lines

hough football is "gorilla big" in Texas, headlines splashed atop sports pages heralding the 2013 season had little to do with action on the field - particularly the collegiate and pro games.

First, high school games - called "zero week" contests - score highest on the scale of legitimacy. Meanwhile, pro teams wind up meaning-



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less exhibition games and many colleges open with "David and Goliath" contests. The latter, pitting the "have much" against the "have little," almost

lop-sided victories on the shameful side of overkill. My head always tilts when I read

winning scores in the 60s and 70s. In such games, losers' scores are zero, or very near. These are the games that deserve "zero week" distinction.

Would that collegiate, professional and high school football brain trusts tear a page from the six-man football rulebook. With a higher value on sportsmanship and common sense than polls and rankings, these teams "go to the house" when leading by at least 45 points at the half - or later. Although, I guess the bands can go ahead with half-time shows, thus sending fans home with slightly sweeter tastes in their mouths.

At pro and collegiate games, where tickets often fetch high into three digits, fans might question the costper-entertainment-minute if sent home at halftime. Hunters, however,

are not deterred when pressed to confess the actual cost-per-pound of game yielded in bird or deer hunts.

Recent headlines have centered on the thousands of pro retirees who are claiming major NFL injuries.

Imagine an NFL scrooge — brows twitching and eyes narrowing raging, "If those guys think they can milk the NFL for millions, they'd better get their heads examined."

Well, the claimants did exactly that. And they're now in the market for milking machines. All this in light of the league's agreement to make things right, starting with a distribution of \$765 million and more likely to come.

Quarterbacks are again in sharp focus, but so far, most "news" involves items other than yards gained, passes thrown or other exploits associated with the QB position.

Tim Tebow, Heisman Trophy winner who played four years at the University of Florida, endeared himself to much of America with on-thefield play and the kind of humility worthy of emulation.

At the pro level, though, he has experienced limited success. He has now been traded or cut by three teams. Head held high, Tebow has expressed thanks for the opportunities and moved on. He continues to wear well with most fans, and may eventually make his mark at some position other than quarterback.

Perhaps too much is expected of the current Heisman honoree, Johnny Manziel. Oh, he's getting plenty of "pub," albeit too much of it for the wrong reasons.

With the honor going to the winner at age 19 — unprecedented in previous Heisman balloting - he's

had chances to wander from the "straight and narrow" - at every hand and every hour.

The Shakespearean quote says much: "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown."

My hunch is that Manziel is marking days off the calendar until NFL draft time. I wish him and the Aggies well, but fear the worst. Distractions poison and kill.

Coach Kevin Sumlin, handling matters with good judgment and courage, has made it clear what he will not tolerate. I believe the coach is a "class act."

Interestingly (and most sentences beginning with this word aren't), the NCAA dragged its feet for weeks before handing down a one-half game suspension to "Johnny Football" for what was described as an "inadvertent" transgression.

It took Sumlin only a few seconds to bench him for almost one quarter following what he viewed as an "advertent" one.

It's story time. A pitifully poor football team wound up with a 0-10 season. An opposing coach, trying to console the losing mentor, confessed the backs "tipped their plays" throughout the season. "We always knew who was going to carry the ball," he claimed.

"How could you possibly know that?" the beaten-down coach questioned.

"It's really simple — before each snap, one of your backs is as white as a sheet, and the other three are giggling."

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, is a Christian humorist and motivational

Second bull selection workshop scheduled in College Station

Due to high demand, a second bull selection workshop targeting beef cattle producers is scheduled Sept. 27 at the Texas A&M University Beef Center in College Station.

The daylong program, will be led by Jason Cleere and Jason Banta, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialists in College Station.

"A herd bull is responsible for 50 percent of the herd's calf crop, and a good bull is an investment that can certainly pay big dividends," Cleere said.

The program is limited to the first 50 individuals. Cost is \$60 per person and includes lunch and program materials. Register online at agriliferegister.tamu.edu and enter the keyword "beef," or contact Michelle Sensing at 903-834-6191.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the program begins at 10 a.m. The workshop will conclude at 5 p.m.

Cleere will discuss cattle breeds and breeding programs. He will follow with a demonstration on visual selection of bulls. Following lunch, Banta will lead presentations on bull performance data and genetic markers, bull fertility and bull-to-cow ratios. He will also give a presentation on bull care and management.

"Selecting the right bull for your cattle herd takes planning and research," Banta said. "Workshop participants will leave with a good understanding of specialized practices and management strategies that will improve their operation and overall bottom line."

Live animals will be used in several presentations, and participants will have the opportunity to sort through a set of bulls, Cleere said.

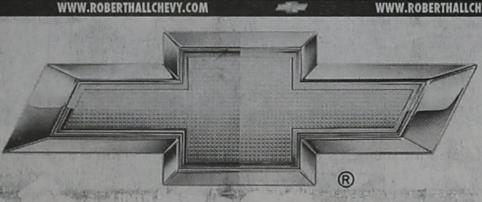
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"You never know when you've got iodine prob-

Mills recommended the supplement monensin

"Methane gas is released in the rumen," he said.

"If they just had some dry matter to go with that

wheat, they could make some gain instead of just maintaining themselves," Mills said. "Don't get al-

falfa. You don't need the protein. You need some dry matter and a good digestible forage. A 30-percent

(protein) cube is not what you want."

"Rumensin changes things so less methane gas is

Rumensin should be kept away from horses. "If a horse eats it, it'll wreck him," Mills said. A hay supplement can help cattle on wheat, espe-

(brand name Rumensin) to improve gains and re-

selenium, iodine and vitamin E can also be impor-

Copper helps the immune system.'

acted one long-held opinion:

is where they need to be."

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cially if the wheat is short.

After watering and before heading to a different pasture, range-grazing cows and calves of every stripe and spot ingest loose minerals from a trough. Prescribed mineral mixes differ depending on whether the cattle in question are grazing native pasture or lush winter wheat. In North Texas, the latter option will depend on sufficient moisture to support the early planting and early growth of wheat.

(Editor's Note: As fall approaches, farmers and ranchers are making decisions about their livestock operations. A biennial beef conference in Abilene in mid-August conference in Abilene covered a range of topics pertinent to the beef industry. This week's article, the second in a series, also concerns wheat and cattle, specifically how winter wheat grazing can be utilized most efficiently. Last week's story weighed the pros and cons of grazing wheat, growing it for grain or growing it for both grazing and harvest. Next week's article will be heifer replacement.)

By Hanaba Munn Welch

The Post Dispatch

ABILENE - Kent Mills, a range nutritionist for Hi-Pro Feeds, aimed his remarks at the Big Country Beef Conference toward livestock producers who graze cattle on wheat.

"The real secret in all of this is what can we do to tweak it a little bit and get more out of it," Mills said, knowing that he was talking to an experienced

He offered practical advice.

"When dealing with minerals (for cattle grazing wheat), you need to get the kind for small grain grazing," he said.

Potassium tends to be more than adequate, but supplemental copper can be important, depending primarily on how much sulfur the cattle are getting in their grazing situation, Mills said.

From Page 1

had a chance to read them much to his consternation, though he was seven years her

Her incessant reading, and knowledge gained thereby, made it possible for Ruth to skip ahead two grade levels. She graduated from Post High School in 1943 at only 15 years

Around the time of World War II, father Oliver McMahon gifted his daughter with the family dry goods store in Post, which became The Lavelle Shop, remaining under Ruth's direction for more than 30 years.

College consisted of separated, individual semesters, with time invested at Bethany Peniel College, now Southern Nazarene University, in Bethany, Okla., and Pasadena Nazarene College in San Diego. That latter college stint resulting in her marriage on Sept. 24, 1954, to "Sulfur 'ties up' copper," Mills said. "The more William R. "Bill" Bennett, also attending Pasadena at the time. stored in the liver and circulating in the system.

She taught grade school for one year at Southland but suc-In his discussion of mineral needs, Mills countercumbed to "burn-out" after being saddled with the combined "We've always thought we need lots of magnesium," he said "Not so. On the Plains, they're being third and fourth grades in one classroom, while also having to sure to get calcium to them. Eighteen to 20 percent

entire k-12 grades.

Her passion for books and reading prompted her to seek a library certification, which she began at North Texas State University in Denton and completed in 1968. The high school at Lorenzo provided her first librarian job, for the year 1966-67, then moving on to become school librarian for Crosbyton High School from 1967, until her retirement in 1995 - although a dedication to book, Bible and hymnal repair remained integral throughout her life.

The couple moved from Crosbyton to Crescent, Okla., in 2004 to be closer to their daughters and family.

While Ruth had been subject to any number of physical conditions that tried to place limits on her life, she persevered despite them, with a spirit of joy, until a massive stroke on Sunday, Sept. 1, would bring her to the final place of peace and completion on Wednesday night, Sept. 4.

Ruth was preceded into eternity by her mother, Edna Redd McMahon, a Nazarene minister who specialized in "chalk talks" about God's love; father Oliver V. McMahon, a long-time postal employee and secretary/treasurer for the West Texas District Church of the

serve as school Nurse for the Nazarene; and by her brother Louis McMahon, a minister and evangelist for the Church of the Nazarene and the Methodist church. She also was preceded in death by sister-inlaw Rachel McMahon, niece Skye McMahon Buswell and a number of great-grandchildren lost before birth.

> She is survived by her husband, Bill Bennett, of Crescent, Okla.; daughter Patti Orcutt and husband, Dale Orcutt, of Crescent, Okla.; daughter Judi Rogers and her husband, Steve Rogers, of Ponca City, Okla.; granddaughter Chantel Gurley and husband, Brandon Gurley, Ponca City, Okla., and granddaughter Kira Orcutt of Crescent, Okla.; great-granddaughters Kyleigh and Ariadne Gurley, both of Ponca City, Okla.; in addition to a number of nieces and nephews.

> As autumn arrives, watch the Monarch butterflies passing in migration, and remember Ruth Bennett, who came flitting amongst the flowers of our lives, bringing moments of color and joy. Her life and determination, an inspiration; her pain is past; her future secured.

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A service in celebration of the life of Ruth Lavelle McMahon Bennett was held Monday, Sept. 9, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Crescent,



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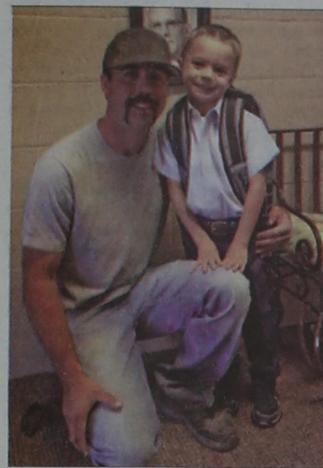
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Alek Garcia on his first day of prekindergarten at Post ISD





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Chevy Olive, 4, on his first day of prekindergarten at Post ISD



Cheyenne Gill on her first day at Post High School







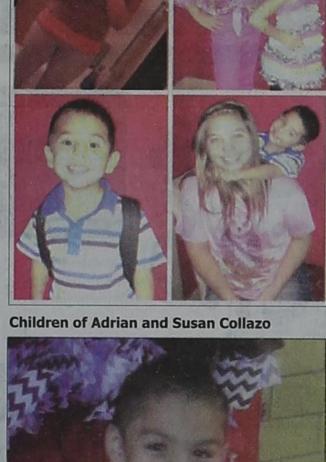
Dillon Cowley, 10, on his first day of fourth grade at Post Elementary



Evangelina Zubia on her first day of fourth grade at Post Elementary



Ezra Gill on his first day at Post Middle and siblings Avory and Zavan on their first day at **Post Elementary**



Olivia Martinez, 4, on her first day of prekin-



Peyton and Zachary Sawyer on their first day of school



Ryan, Justin and Haylee Willborn and Kellan Graves on their first day of school



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Nancy's Notions

New ways to care for type-2 diabetes

o you feel like you need to know more about how to take care of your type-2 diabetes? If you were recently diagnosed or you have had diabetes a long time, you can benefit from learning the latest things about taking care of yourself so you can reduce your risks for complications, such as reduced vision or nerve pain.

An important tool for managing your

finger there is going

side of your fingertip. Learning how to

test on the side of the fingertip instead

Furthermore, today, most meters and

strips allow you to check your blood

glucose in other sites, such as on your

arm between your elbow and wrist. New

lancet sets allow you to reduce the depth

of the needle prick and to use a thinner

are required to get a good reading. Many

people report their pain and discomfort

are reduced to almost nothing once they

get new equipment and learn how to use

Have you heard about insulin pens or

new forms of insulin that control your

blood glucose with no peaks over a 24

hour period? Just what is rapid-acting

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insulin, and why do so many people

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it properly.

diabetes is your glucose meter. Some people avoid checking their blood glucose because pricking their fingers

glucose in the recommended ranges. for example hurts too much. Some people were taught the best place to get a blood sample is the central part of their fingertip, which is actually the most sensitive. Pricking your

> Self-management of type-2 diabetes has changed a lot. These classes will teach you how to not only make your life with diabetes easier, but also how to reduce

Class fees cost \$20 per family. Call the Garza County Extension Office at 806-495-4400 to enroll. Class dates and time will be determined by participants. Recipes booklets with recipes from the American Diabetes Association will be included with the "Do Well Be Well with Diabetes" curriculum, which has been developed Carol Rice, a registered nurse and health specialist for the AgriLife Extension Service in College Station.

Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer science agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

like to use it? There are many new oral medicines, too. Do you really have to use alcohol when you prick your finger or give your insulin injection?

Do you understand what your doctor is telling you when she says your hemoglobin A1C is too high? Is 8 percent too high when less than 7 percent is the recommendation by the American Diabetes Association?

While taking care of your diabetes is not easy, you might be surprised to learn that there are many new tools and methods to help you keep your blood

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County is offering a five-class series with nine topics called "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes." I'll be teaching the classes along with the support of a team of volunteer nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, and other health professionals to provide you with the latest information on how to better manage your type-2 diabetes.

your chances for complications.

Court: Interim maps will stand for elections

By Ed Sterling For the Dispatch

AUSTIN — A San Antonio federal court on Sept. 6 ordered that redistricting maps passed by the 2013 Texas Legislature will serve as interim plans, and those plans would be used in upcoming elections, including 2014 elections.

Plaintiffs challenging the maps allege racial discrimination in the drawing of boundaries in certain districts.

In its order, a three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court Western District of Texas San Antonio Division noted the litigation would continue "for as long as it takes to reach a legally correct decision on very important issues, but elections must go on." And, the panel reasoned, that because "a full, fair and final review of all issues before this Court cannot be completed prior to the upcoming deadlines for the 2014 elections" the current set of maps being challenged will stand for the time being.

The complexity of these matters increased in June after the U.S. Supreme Court, in effect, ruled that certain sections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and preclearance in particular, may no longer apply unless plaintiffs prove racial discrimination still exists.

Prior to the ruling, Texas had been a "covered" jurisdiction, meaning that because of its history of racial discrimination in voting practices the state was subject to federal preclearance of redistricting maps and other proposed changes to election

The case resulting in the order is Shannon Perez; Harold Dutton Jr.; Gregory Tamez; Sergio Salinas; Carmen Rodriguez; Rudolfo Ortiz; Nancy Hall and Dorothy DeBose, Plaintiffs, v. State of Texas; Rick Perry, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Texas; and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Joe Straus and Secretary of State John Steen, in their official capacities, Defendants.

Jefferson to leave office

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Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson on Sept. 3 announced he would leave the Texas Supreme Court effective Oct. 1.

Reduction in number of cases carried over from one term to another, increases in use of technology to improve efficiency, increases in transparency and decreases in costs are listed among achievements during Jefferson's nine-year tenure

Furthermore, in 2007 under Jefferson's leadership, a rule was adopted to allow cameras in the

courtroom "to bolster the public's understanding of the court's work." In 2012, the court mandated electronic filing of court documents to decrease the cost of litigation and increase courts' produc-

And, as chief justice, Jefferson worked for increased funding for basic civil legal services and established the Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families.

Pertussis alert is issued

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Sept. 3 urged people to make sure they're vaccinated against pertussis, or whooping cough, which often starts with cold-like symptoms and a mild cough.

The number of people sick with pertussis this year is on track to reach the highest level in more than 50 years, the agency said. Doctors who suspect a pertussis infection are required to report it to their local health department within one working day and patients who have pertussis should not go back to work or school until they have completed five days of antibiotic treatment.

The agency is urging parents to check their children's shot records to be sure they are completely vaccinated against pertussis and should keep infants, especially those less than 6 months old, away from people with a cough. Adults should see about receiving a booster dose of the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine."

Debt info site debuts

State Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 3 announced a new "Debt-at-a-Glance" resource that offers details on state and local debt.

The website tellthetruthtexas.org/debt lets users pick from the state's 20 largest cities and 20 largest counties to see debt totals and trends, plus details on tax rates, debt elections, authorized but unissued debt, certificates of obligation and links to a comprehensive annual financial report for each city or county.

Litter level decreases

Texas Department of Transportation on Sept. 3 released results of its 2013 Texas Litter Survey.

"Considering an additional 1.1 million drivers have taken to Texas roadways during the survey period of 2009 to 2013," TxDOT officials said, "the 34-percent reduction in visible litter is even more impressive."

According to the survey, the leading type of visible roadside litter was tire and rubber debris, followed by miscellaneous paper, plastic and beverage containers.



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for the opening of new stores in Amarillo and Hereford.

In addition, Taylor said, the company's charitable and fundraising arms would continue to make United continued viable community partner.

"Community involvement is who and what we are all about," he said. "Donations and charitable giving, the decisions to do these type things will be made here in Lubbock. They won't be made in the home office of Albertson's."

Taylor also put to rest any notion that customers may have about any big changes.

"I don't expect prices to increase. In fact, if anything, we hope they decrease with the increased buying power of 1,100 stores this deal will afford us," he said. "Furthermore, that buying power also will allow us to offer more products for customers specialty products."

"We hope the biggest change our customers will see is no change."

United in history

With roots dating back to 1916, when H.D. Snell opened his first United Cash Store in Sayre, Okla., today the store's legacy has grown to include 51 traditional, specialty and Hispanic groceries under its United Supermarkets, Market Street and Amigos banners in 30 Texas cities, with more than 10,000 employees.

United also operates seven convenience stores and 26 fuel centers under its United Express banner. In addition, it operates two divisions, R.C. Taylor Distributing and Praters, and one wholly owned subsidiary, Llano Logistics, which operates the company's two distribution centers in Lubbock and Roanoke.

Fourth-generation owner Matt Bumstead, who serves as co-president of The United Family along with his broth-

tional Facility.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Garza County is advertising for bids on new air-condition-

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fice on the second floor in the Garza County Courthouse,

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p.m. Sept. 20, 2013, and will be opened at 9 a.m. Sept. 23,

cept the offer most advantageous to Garza County.

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er units and installation for the Giles W. Dalby Correc-

er Gantt, said Monday the move will allow their greatgrandfather's founding legacy to continue while retaining deep community roots with Lubbock and the other communities United serves. Both brothers have MBAs from Texas Tech University.

"We are grateful for and humbled by the 97 years we have had to be a part of United's mission of service. With this ownership transition, we see a chance for United's impact and legacy to grow for decades to come," Matt Bum-

stead said. "With the strength and stability they (Albertson's LLC) have to offer, we believe this new ownership, working with our world-class team, can take United's vision and mission to places and levels previously beyond our reach."

Meat and potatoes

Upon completion of the Albertson's transaction, spokeswoman Christine Wilcox said, United will operate as a separate business unit under Albertson's corporate

"While this transaction still will not close for a while yet, we want United to stay United," Wilcox said. "It will become a subsidiary of Albertson's and be its own division — they have exceptional stores, and we have no plans to change what they do or how they do it."

United's Taylor will con- Bumstead said. "For our famtinue to lead the company as ily, the privilege of being inpresident of the new subsidiary, reporting directly to Bob Miller, CEO of Albertson's.

United will not lay off employees and also will its support staff, information technology and payroll personnel, even though Albertson's outsources those parts of its

Taylor said the acquisition will afford United a real and better growth opportunity not only for its stores but also for its employees. He also indicated that shoppers would see little change under the new ownership.

to be joining the Albertson's family, which will provide us From Page 1

"We are all very excited

tremendous opportunities to

invest in our stores and grow,"

Taylor said. "We will continue

to make decisions locally and

faithfully maintain our un-

wavering commitment to our

Texas communities, guests

operation and said it would

complement Albertson's own

strategic goals in many re-

"Over the past 97 years, the

United family and leadership

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ment to fresh, quality foods

throughout their stores," he

said. "Their commitment

to community is unparal-

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an exceptional opportunity

to invest in and grow their

Neither company disclosed

terms of the still-pending

transaction, which is expected

to close by late October, after

a review by the Federal Trade

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Miller praised United's

and team members."

nal 28 would be covered by Brown, who went untouched through the Tor defense. Lopez' kick made the score 7-0 with 10 minutes remaining in the first

The Lope defense stopped the Tors and forced the first of seven Lamesa punts. The Lopes would take possession on their own 37 yard line. The nine-play drive ended with Smith diving in from the 1. The Lope offense had plays on 25, 18 and 13 on the drive. Lopez booted the extra point making the score 14-0.

The Lopes defense forced the Tors to punt as the second quarter begin. The Lopes would start at their own 40 and would put more points on the board. The big play on the drive was a 26-yard pass from lones to Paden Babb, giving Post a first down on the Tor 21 yard line.

After a 15-yard run and an incomplete pass, Smith would score his second touchdown of the game from seven yards out. The snap was mishandled, but Lopez quickly fell on the loose ball.

Post would extend the lead to 20-0 halfway through the quarter. The Tors would put together a 49-yard scoring drive to cut Walden, three tackles and the Lopes' lead. The teams TFL. would go to the locker room with Post at a 20-7

The Lopes would kick off to start the third quarter. Dylan Pearson would intercept the pass and return to the Tor 40 yard line.

On third down, Brown would scamper 40 yards to paydirt for his second touchdown of the game, and Lopez would once again split the uprights. The second touchdown of the quarter was a four-yard Smith run. Lopez booted his fourth extra point of the night.

The Bold Gold would put two more touchdowns on the board in the fourth quarter. The first would be a Smith four-yard run for his fourth of the game. The final touchdown would be a six-yard run by Cambry Gilbert, his first as a varsity

For the second week in a row, the defense played extremely well. The Lopes only allowed 170 yards total offense.

The Lopes offense was 385 total yards. Brown finished with 124 and Smith 100. Jones was 8-of-11 passing for 90 yards. Five different Antelopes caught a pass. The defense was dominate being led by T.J. Basquez, who had six tackles and two TFL's; Sergio Soliz, three tackles; Jayson

The offensive line performed just as well led by Mondo Martiniz who graded out at 90 percent with seven pancake blocks; Soliz at 80 percent, blocking four pancakes; Walden 80 percent with two pancakes; Basquez with two pancakes.

The Lopes turn their attention to rival Slaton (2-0). The Tigers have victories over Wink and Van Horn, led by QB/RB Bryce Whaley and RB/WR Trevone Richardson.

The Antelopes beat Slaton last season 22-15 in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed **Constitutional Amendments** Special Election November 5, 2013

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by statute for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed in action, as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried. An eligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the surviving spouse's residence homestead could be authorized by statute to receive an exemption from ad valorem taxation in the same amount received for the first qualifying homestead during the last year in which the surviving spouse received the exemption.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision requiring the creation of a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is in operation. No new loans have been made from the fund by the board in more than 25 years, and the board currently has no appointees and receives no program funding.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operation-

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 133)

HJR 133 would authorize local political subdivisions to extend the length of time that aircraft erty in addition to the current

parts could remain temporarily in this state before being subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandise, wares, and goods (including aircraft parts) may remain in this state temporarily for up to 175 days before being subject to ad valorem taxation; the proposed amendment would permit taxing entities to extend the exemption up to 730 days after the date that a person acquired or imported aircraft parts in the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 24)

HJR 24 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran at no cost to the veteran by a charitable organi-

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 18)

SJR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse mortgage" to authorize the making of reverse mortgage loans for the purchase of homestead prop-

legal uses of those loans, and for home-rule municipalities would give lenders recourse to fill short-term vacancies against borrowers who fail to timely occupy the homestead properties purchased with such loans. SJR 18 would also add to the definition of "reverse mortgage" an extension of credit that is not closed before the 12th day after the lender provides to the prospective borrower a written notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortgage. The language of the required notice is prescribed in the resolution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 1)

Water Implementation Fund as a special fund inside the state treasury and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adopted by general law, by TWDB.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implemensist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow home-rule municipalities to adopt charter provisions authorizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by appointment, but only when the remainder of the vacant term is less than 12 months. Under current law, municipal voters may adopt terms of office for municipal officers longer than two years, but upon approving longer terms of office, any must be filled by special elecment would provide an option (8683).

through appointment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less."

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 147 and SJR 54)

HJR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalgo County hospital district; the maximum rate is currently set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. This rate is lower than the maximum tax rate allowable for hospital districts in all other counties in the State (75 cents per \$100 valuation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district tax rates in Hidalgo County equal to the SJR 1 would create the State hospital district tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas counties.

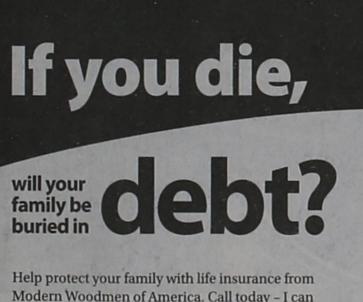
> The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the State tation Fund for Texas and the Commission on Judicial Con-State Water Implementation duct can issue following a Revenue Fund for Texas to as- formal proceeding. This constitutional amendment would allow the Commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or a requirement to obtain additional training or education in addition to the Commission's current authority to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge.

> The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Con-

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been named a senior vice president for the institution and would office in built at 615 N. Broadway.

Peoples Bank and chairman of the board of directors, said Williams' extensive agricultural and business background would be based bank.

A native of Tahoka, Wil-Bank with more than 28 years in the banking industry, with the majority of that spent in West Texas. He received his bachelor's degree in agriculture business and economics from West Texas State University in Canyon and is also a School of Banking.

local agriculture communi- than \$31 million. ty, serving as vice president Livestock Association and as an adult leader for the last 12 months. Garza 4-H program.

Club and Post Rotary Club footprint," Allen said.

and enjoys collecting antique tractors and participating in 4-H swine proj-

Williams and his wife, Janeece, have been married 25 years. They have three children: Reed and Authe Post branch once it was dree, both students at West Texas A&M University in Larry Allen, CEO of Canyon, and their youngest, Addee, attends Post Elementary.

Peoples Bank was formed in 1999 by several successful business owners and an asset for the Lubbock- farmers, all residing in the Lubbock area.

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"Our bank directors and liams comes to Peoples employees are big supporters of and in our communities," President Blake Boyd said. "We are financially sound and strive to provide personal service often missing in larger banks."

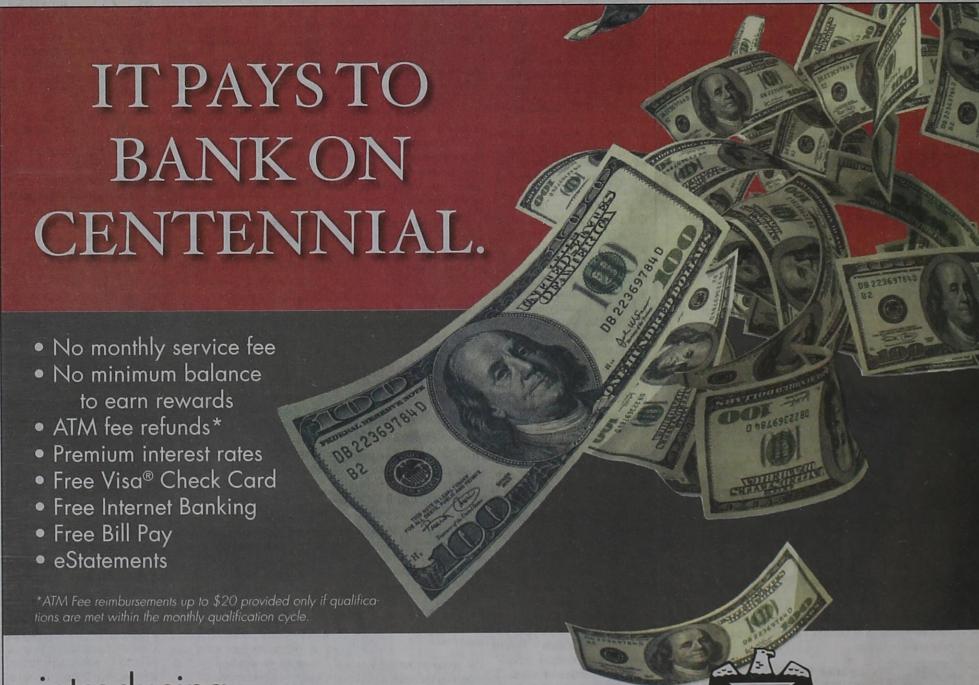
Specializing in home mortgages, Peoples Bank has total assets exceeding graduate of the Texas Tech \$320 million, deposits of \$289 million, loans of \$234 Williams is active in the million, and capital of more

The Post branch will be of the Garza County Junior the bank's seventh location and second to open in the

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of more than 20,000 feet. thunderstorm clouds grow to heights The majority Answer:

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Sept. 13, 1922 - The temperature at El Azizia in Libya soared to 136 degrees to establish a world record. To make matters even more uncomfortable in that part of the world, a severe ghibi, or dust storm, was in progress.

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Detailed Local Forecast

Mostly Sunny

85 / 61

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 90°, humidity of 45%. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 103° set in 2000. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 67°. East southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 45° set in 1975. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 89°, humidity of 54%. East wind 5 to 10 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 66°. Southeast wind 10 mph.

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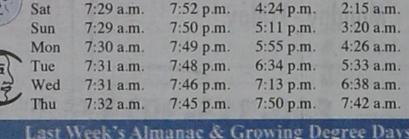
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a.m.	7:52 p.m.	4:24 p.m.	2:15 a.m.	
a.m.	7:50 p.m.	5:11 p.m.	3:20 a.m.	
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Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days				
9/3	95	27	87/62	0.00"	Date Degree Days		Date Degree Days		
9/4	95	65	86/62	0.00"	9/3	11	9/7	30	
9/5	95	58	86/62	0.00"	9/4	30	9/8	28	
9/6	94	66	86/61	0.00"	9/5	26	9/9	27	
9/7 .	95	66	86/61	0.00"	9/6	30			
9/8	93	63	85/61	0.00"	Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained.				
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Dixie Divas The poor dirt farmer

here's nothing glamorous about being a farmer, nothing charming, little endearing and certainly few things easy about it. It is either a calling or a curse, depending on how one looks at it. Some are born into it, and some just can't

find a way to escape it for it's all they've ever known. These are

the folks who toil in the hot sun, battle the rainstorms and shiver through

RONDA the freezing RICH cold because work on the farm doesn't

wait only for weather-perfect days. It is perhaps most similar in demands to that of a labor and delivery doctor with one exception - that doctor will be well paid for his services while the poor farmer will make, at best, some kind of profit and, at worst, will lose all he has despite how hard he has labored or how often he has risen before dawn and faced another uncertain day.

In the 1930s, when the South raised up demigods as politicians, the most notable being Huey Long in Louisiana and Eugene Talmadge in Georgia, they worked hard to get the farmers on their sides. Both had farming childhoods and were well familiar has its aggravations. It is the with the rigors of fighting the elements to bring in a few dollars.

"The poor dirt farmer ain't got but three friends,"Talmadge would declare at every political stop throughout his career, "the good Lord, the Sears & Roebuck catalog and ol' Gene."

Huey Long, the son of a poor farmer, never forgot from where he came, often traveling the back roads of Louisiana to shake the hand of one more farmer. And so they responded.

Everyone likes to be appreciated, so the farmers stood by Long and put him in every

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office he wanted until the day an assassin shot him down. To this day, you can visit Long's grave on the front lawn of the state capitol in Baton Rouge and see flowers and tributes paid to him regularly.

His legacy is not forgotten by the generations that have followed the ones he helped. Like him or not, debate if you like whether he was honest or shady, Long had strong respect for those who worked the dirt.

My brother-in-law Rodney was born to be a farmer. It is his calling in the same way a man feels led to lay down the ways of the world, pick up his Bible and follow the Lord. It has always had its challenges, but the last decade has showered down new ones.

After two decades of raising chickens, he gave it up - my sister, the bookkeeper and frugal money manager, insisted because it got to the point where the chickens made more money than he did. And all the chickens were doing were lounging, eating and clucking.

Rodney was labored down with the chicken houses. Every night before he went to bed, he had to pull himself up from his easy chair after a hard day's work, wipe the fatigue from his eyes and say, "I gotta go check on the chickens."

It was a demanding job. Now, he devotes his time to raising cattle and that, too, land, though, that has turned so furiously on him and the other farmers. Kudzu, always an enemy, still tangles and now thistle, that horrible thorny bush about as invasive as the mesquite is in West Texas, is almost undefeatable.

It costs a small ransom to groom the land so cows can graze and hay can be raised.

Farming knows no boundaries. Cows are born on the rainiest days and get out, usually scattering into the road, in the darkest of nights; water lines burst on the coldest days, and tractors break down in the field under the most scorching sun.

Yet, across this great country, farmers like Rodney still carry on so our lives are sustained through the bounty they deliver.

Thank one of them today, won't

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